

Instructions to Manage Nausea and Vomiting

Feeling nauseous is exhausting, but can be managed. Following are tips to control nausea and vomiting:

- Eating six to eight small meals per day, instead of three large meals, will make you more comfortable.
- Rinse your mouth before eating with a solution made of 5 grams of baking soda, 4 grams of salt, and 960 ml of warm or cool water to help remove bad tastes.
- Create a peaceful eating place, if possible. A relaxed atmosphere will help calm you and make eating easier. The room should be well ventilated with no cooking odors or strong food smell.
- Eat dry foods upon awakening and throughout the day such as (crackers, dry toast, or breadsticks).
- Sip fruit juices, sports drinks, or supplement throughout the day. This will help you get enough calories, nutrients, and fluids.
- Hard candies, such as peppermints, can relieve nausea and get rid of the bad taste in your mouth.
- Drink adequate fluid with an additional 120 ml to 240 ml liquid for each episode of vomiting.
- Avoid foods with a strong odor. Bland foods and foods served cool or at room temperature may be easier to eat than hot and spicy foods.
- Foods that are very sweet, fatty, greasy, or spicy can aggravate nausea.
- Do not combine liquids and solid in one meal.
- Do not lay down immediately after meals.

If you are vomiting, dehydration is a serious concern. While it may be very difficult, you need to drink clear liquids as often as possible during this time. After a bout of vomiting, rinse your mouth and spit out the water. Try not to drink for 30 minutes; then try to sip apple juice.